

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-197-W - ORDER NO. 2007-580

AUGUST 23, 2007

IN RE: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for Approval of the Transfer of Its Water Utility System and Territory Serving the Lakewood Estates and Arrowhead Shores Subdivisions in Lexington County to Carolina Water Service, Inc.	)	ORDER APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF WATER UTILITY SYSTEM AND TERRITORY
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This matter, filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 58-5-210 (1976) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-704 (Supp. 2006), comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (“USSC” or “Applicant”) to transfer its water utility system and territory serving the Lakewood Estates and Arrowhead Shores Subdivision in Lexington County to Carolina Water Service, Inc. (“CWS”). Notice of this proposed transfer was published in *The State* newspaper on June 9, 2007. No parties have moved to intervene.

The application reveals that both USSC and CWS are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Utilities, Inc. and have interconnected water systems on which the small, isolated water system of USSC partially depends. Furthermore, the application states that no disruption of service will be experienced, since the water systems of these subsidiary companies are connected. Additionally, the transfer will result in a slight decrease in rates for USSC’s Lakewood Estates and Arrowhead Shores customers. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the transfer of USSC's water utility system and territory serving the Lakewood Estates and Arrowhead Shores Subdivision in Lexington County to CWS is in the public interest and therefore approved.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

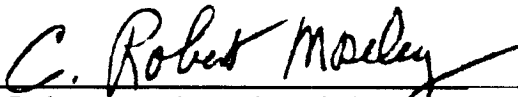
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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